

WANT A NEW LAW FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Duties Without Pay So Onerous
No Capable Man Will Take
Position.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMORN, VA., January 6.—It is understood that the Virginia law-makers will be asked, while in session this winter, to amend or revise the statutes in regard to justices of the peace. Since the jurisdiction and duties of justices have been increased without any increase of pay for services rendered, safe, capable men are unwilling and cannot afford to fill the office, and it is now very difficult to get good, intelligent men to accept the office.

In some cases a justice is required to do the work formerly done by a judge and jury of twelve men—work some times requiring two days of his time and a good deal of writing—and for such work he is allowed a fee of fifty cents. Another fact that is bitterly complained of, is that the commonwealth no longer furnishes the necessary books, such as "Mayo's Guide" and the Code, but requires justices to buy them at their own cost. A justice cannot do without a Mayo's Guide—a book that costs at least \$4; and he is practically left without a copy of the revised Code. There are, perhaps, many good, honest, intelligent justices whose fees in the course of nearly or quite a year do not amount to more than enough to buy the necessary books and stationery. Some of the best magistrates in the State declare that they will not serve a day after the expiration of their present term, unless the Legislature increases their compensation, or at least provides for the furnishing of books by the commonwealth. In some sections, the office of magistrate is now filled by illiterate, incompetent men, simply because men of intelligence and capability cannot afford to give their time and services to the commonwealth without remuneration.

Mr. N. N. Olive, of this county, is in Richmond city, under treatment for cancer.

Mr. Robert Clarke and children, of the Edge Hill neighborhood, are spending the winter in Baltimore.

Miss Ernestine South has returned to Letham, near King George Courthouse, after spending a month or so in Washington.

Miss Eva P. Taylor, who spent the holidays at Powhatan, her parental home here, has returned to her school in Madison county.

Mr. Powell Showden, of Alexandria, after spending some days at Chatham, near here, has returned home.

The premises of Mrs. James H. Boggs, at this place, were raided several nights ago and relieved of a whole flock of turkeys. No clue to the thief as yet.

Large quantities of fine black bass are being caught near the mouth of Potomac Creek, several miles from here, and shipped to Washington. Over one hundred bushels of these popular fish are shipped from Smith's wharf, by Potomac River steam boats some days. Prior to the advent of black bass a week or so ago the Potomac fishermen had caught but few fish of any kind during the season.

The people here are fairly "mournful" over the fact that their ice-houses are still empty, and weather-prophets say "bobbed up," are serving as "Job's comforters" on the subject.

The persimmon crop here is pronounced the heaviest ever known in this section. Nearly every persimmon tree, from the smallest to the largest, is laden with well matured fruit, which is just now thoroughly ripe and sweet.

Mrs. Ella R. Smith and daughter, Miss Nellie Smith, who have been traveling abroad since early last summer, have returned to America, and are now guests of relatives at Oak Grove, in the upper part of Westmoreland county.

New Year German.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BUENA VISTA, VA., January 6.—A delightful New Year German was given by the Buena Vista German Club at the opera house.

Mr. J. M. I. Band furnished the music and Mr. Tracy Thompson with Miss Carolyn Hardwick led the many pretty and intricate figures. Those dancing were Mr. Thompson, Miss Hardwick, of North Carolina; Mr. F. H. Campbell, Miss Mary Glasgow, of Lexington, Va.; Mr. Preston Paxton, Miss Burke, of Bedford; Mr. McLaughlin, Miss Julia Willis, of McGuff, Miss Anna Waugh, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. McCormick and Miss Lella Richardson, of Richmond; Mr. Harry Bell, Miss Carrie Richardson, Mr. Walz, of Roanoke; Miss Stubbs, of Gloucester county; Mr. Douglas Brady, of Buffalo; Miss Morton, of Richmond; Mr. J. R. Ors, V. P. L.; Miss Releson, Mr. Hubbard, of W. L. T.; Miss Pearls, of New Jersey; Mr. R. H. Willis, Miss Lettie Smith, Greenville; Dr. McClung, of Greenville, Va.; Miss Blondin, of Spotswood, Va.; Mr. Glass, of Lynchburg; Miss Jessie Glasgow, Lexington.



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TAKING OPTIONS FOR N. & W. DOUBLE TRACK

Tidewater Railroad Making Extensive Preparations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BEDFORD CITY, VA., January 6.—Representatives of the Norfolk and Western Railway have been to-day taking options on additional land for their double track. It has been generally understood that the new track would be placed on the south side of the present one, as several pieces of land on this side have been purchased and others taken under options. To-day, however, their agents have been endeavoring to secure options on a strip twenty feet wide on the north side. This will take off the end of the lots of those whose residences fall on Bedford Avenue on the south, but it is stated, the company does not propose to change the plan of putting the additional track on the south side, only they wish to have a wider right of way.

There are many rumors in regard to the location of the passenger depot when the new track is laid, as the present station will then be quite a distance from the proposed line.

Material is arriving daily for the contractors of the Tidewater Railway and to-day a large traction engine was unloaded for drawing the heavy loads to the works. Bedford City will be the center of Tidewater activity in this county, and it is stated that in the next two years one contractor will unload 1,000 cars of material and another 1,600 cars at this place. This will be principally cement for the concrete work. The greatest problem at present is to transport the large steam shovels over the muddy roads across country from the river to the works. These will arrive in a few days and it is reported one contractor has offered \$5,000 to any one to carry two of these shovels to his location.

The Bedford Mills Company have resumed operation, their temporary shutdown of the mill being caused by the death of Mr. W. C. Hoberger.

Mr. L. H. Schoff, of Philadelphia, will represent the company as agent and Mr. H. Hart as superintendent. Mr. Frank Kent, of Philadelphia, the principal owner, was here the first of the week. The mills will be run at full capacity and besides the regular work on army kerseys, very high grade goods will also be manufactured. These woolen mills have always made cloth of excellent quality, especially as regards the permanency of their dyes, owing to the purity of the water here. They will employ all the old force and are seeking more expert weavers.

Mr. W. W. Berry, Jr., who has been manager of the Berry-Sullivan Tobacco Company since its organization, has accepted a similar position with Clark & Company, plug manufacturers. His place will be taken by Mr. J. M. Berry.

Mr. T. B. Shackelford, formerly with Clark & Company, will leave in a few days for Lynchburg.

Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D., the evangelist, has been holding services during the week at the Baptist Church.

Women in Industrial Life.

(From the Kansas City Journal.)

The census returns show that five millions and more women are employed in the nation's industrial life. There are now three times as many women stenographers as there were ten years ago, while the number of women bookkeepers and accountants has doubled. The percentage of saleswomen also shows a corresponding increase. Women have risen to be treasurers of street railways, presidents of national and savings banks, secretaries of financiers on salaries of \$10,000 and \$12,500, executive heads of building and contracting firms, buyers for large stores, etc.—Kansas City Journal.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

The Opera Pinafore.
Please tell me in your query column who was the composer of the opera "Pinafore."
G. D.
Words by W. S. Gilbert; music by Arthur Sullivan. First produced in 1878.

Naval Schools.
Will you please answer in your next Sunday's issue of The Times-Dispatch if there is a school in Virginia or the United States (Annapolis excepted) where young men are trained for naval officers?
S. P. H.
We know of no such school save the government academy at Annapolis.

The Robin Season.
Please let me know in next Sunday's issue why it is that the shooting of robins, and give me the point of law concerning them?
C. S. E.
It is unlawful to shoot robins between April 1st and February 15th. See section 3079, Pollard's Code.

Another Daughter of the Revolution.

I saw and advertised in the Weekly Times-Dispatch of a Mrs. C. B. Lard, inquiring if there were any daughters of the Revolutionary soldiers living now in Virginia. I am a daughter of one of the old Revolutionary soldiers, 80 years old, living in Hanover county, Virginia, with my only daughter.

MRS. PAMELIA Q. STANLEY.
Bumpass, Va., R. F. D. No. 2.

The Annexation Problem.

Kindly answer in your paper when will the annexation plan be decided between Richmond and Henrico?
That is a question which no one can answer at this time. Judge Garnett has decided that the Anderson act is constitutional, and a day has been set for taking evidence, but the case will probably go to the Court of Appeals on the constitutional question involved before finally settled.

The Eagle and the Dart.

Please answer in your query column if you can find from what Poem the following couplet is taken:
"The arrow that Pierced the Eagle's breast was feathered from his wings."
This may be incorrectly quoted but will be obliged if you will find the poem for me.
SUBSCRIBER.

So the struck eagle, stretched upon the plain,
No more through rolling clouds to soar again,
Viewed his own feather on the fatal dart.
And winged the shaft that quivered in his heart.
—Byron's English Bards and Scotch Reviewers.

Dispute Over a Mill Site.

A buys a mill site from B and all B's timber, with no limit of time, which he cut it, and has 25 trees standing on location. How long can B hold mill site?

A. A. A.

B can hold the mill site for a period of time which would be reasonably necessary for him to complete the cutting of the timber. Such period of time depends on the size of the tract, the number of trees thereon and the natural difficulties in the way of preparing the timber for market. In case A should bring an action of ejectment against B, it would be for the jury to decide whether B was holding the property for an unreasonable length of time. The law does not fix any definite period.

Steam Whistle Nuisance.

If a man has a steam grist mill 15 feet from the road, and has the right to blow the whistle, and scare people's horses, when they are passing? If he has not the right, what's the proper way to proceed to stop it.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The owner of the mill has no right to blow the whistle for the purpose of scaring people's horses, but he has a right to a reasonable use of the whistle in the ordinary transaction of his business. Whether he is abusing his privilege is a question of fact. If you think his use of the whistle constitutes a public nuisance, lay the matter before the Commonwealth's Attorney of your county for his consideration.

Civil Government in North Carolina.

How many, and what are the crimes punishable by death in the State of North Carolina? Is not burglary, in cases where some one sleeps in the house broken into, one of them?

There are four crimes punishable by death in North Carolina—

(a) Murder in the first degree: It must be shown that the felonious killing was done with premeditation, as well as with malice.

(b) Arson: A capital crime, where the burning is done in the night-time and the building burned is one used as a dwelling or for sleeping purposes.

(c) Burglary in the first degree: The breaking into a dwelling house or other building used for sleeping purposes with felonious intent and in the night-time.

The Latin Alphabet.

Sir—In Wednesday's Times-Dispatch I noted a query from Brunnius with reference to the letter J used in the Latin language. This query was well answered in the query column, but I have ventured to add a few lines on the subject.

The letter J in Latin has the sound of e in English, only sometimes this sound was prolonged and sometimes it was pronounced so rapidly as to approximate the sound of short i in English, which is marked I. Now, whenever the letter J preceded a vowel it was invariably short, and the rapid pronunciation of this short I gave it a sort of consonant force as I in an English word.

The form J was later invented to denote this consonant force of I. The distinction between the vowel I and the consonant J (I) was considered an improvement in typography, and within a few years ago, when German calligraphers and later American editors have reverted to the ancient practice of using the same form for vowel and consonant.

IOTA.

Smithfield Hams.

Will you please publish a good receipt for curing of pork for family use, to prevent it from becoming rancid, and kindly oblige a subscriber, L. M. B. Exmore, Va.

Use the same receipt published for Smithfield hams, which applies to shoulders and sides, except do not use as much salt on the sides. This method will keep the meat sound and sweet during the summer.

The receipt for Smithfield hams is as follows:

Hogs should be butchered in very cold weather; never allow the meat to freeze. The hams should be trimmed nicely and cut round at the end, 1902 pass the end of the paddle bone. Let the edges of the hams slope a little. Rub a tablespoonful of salt-peter and two tablespoonfuls of sugar over the fleshy side of the ham or shoulder, then rub lightly on a flour or platform, never in tight boxes or barrels;

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LOT No. 3—Lot of Boys' Covert Cloth Coats, were \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00, for, each **\$3.08**

These should draw the attention of every boy's mother in Richmond, for the like of such an offering is seldom known. Think of it. Some are less than half price, and these may be just what you want.

\$4.50 values, in Blue Serge and Brown and Gray Mixtures, each **\$2.73**

Boys' Long Coats—like cut—in Blues or Gray and Brown Mixtures, \$5.00 value cut to **\$3.23**

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In Plain and Fancy Worsteds, Cashmeres and Cheviots. These goods are made up in the best and most serviceable manner. Their fit is perfect, and they're as swell and nobby as anything in town for double the price. A glance at the cut will furnish an idea of how they'll look on you. Think **\$9.73**

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Men's Heavy Underwear (all wool), in blue, pink, tan, cream and gray, and including the famous Wright's Health Underwear. Not a garment in the lot but what sold at \$1.00 and \$1.25, now, **88c**

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Longfellow's Songs.

Several weeks ago one of your readers requested to know if any of Longfellow's poems were set to music. You replied "The Bridge" was the only one known to you. I have heard "The Village Blacksmith" sung hundreds of times in England before I left here, twenty years ago, as a solo for a baritone or bass voice, and was in great request on those days. Yours truly, CESTRIAN.

Civil Government of Virginia.

Please suggest the best writer on "Civil Government" of Virginia.
BRUNNIUS.
Professor Smith, of Randolph-Macon, has published an excellent elementary treatise on the "Civil Government" of Virginia. There is no more advanced treatise on this subject. For a general and elaborate study of it the question is referred to "Debates of the Convention of 1829-30."

The School Law.

1. Can a District School Trustee appoint his brother's wife a teacher? The public schools?
2. What relatives of the District Trustee of schools are ineligible for appointment as teachers?
3. Please print the branches of study which the teachers will be required to teach examination on in this state for next year.

The first and second question are fully answered by Section 1466 of the Code of Virginia, which provides "that no district school board shall employ or pay any teacher from the public fund if said teacher is the brother, sister, wife, son or daughter of any member of said board."

3. Candidates for first grade, certificate will have to make an average of 85 per cent on the following subjects:—orthography (including punctuation), reading, writing, arithmetic (including business forms), elementary algebra, grammar, geography, history of the United States, history of Virginia, civil government of Virginia, drawing, theory and practice of teaching, physiology and hygiene, and one branch of science, either physical geography, elementary physics, or elementary agriculture, and one division of history, either general or English, and must not fall below 70 per cent on any subject.

To obtain a second grade certificate, applicants must make an average of 75 per cent on the following named subjects: Orthography (including punctuation), reading, writing, arithmetic (including business forms), grammar, geography, history of the United States, History of Virginia, civil government (including the government of Virginia), drawing, theory and practice of teaching, physiology and hygiene, and must not fall below 60 per cent on any subject.

To obtain a third grade certificate the applicant must make an average of 65 per cent on orthography (including punctuation), reading, writing, arithmetic (including business forms), grammar, geography, history of the United States, history of Virginia, civil government (including theory and practice of teaching), physiology and hygiene, and must not fall below 50 per cent on any subject.

All the foregoing questions have been repeatedly answered in recent issues of the Times-Dispatch.

An Interesting Problem.

How many feet of lumber (board measure) is there in a piece of timber 10 feet long, 42 1/2 at one end and 24 1/2 at the

other? Below you will find diagram of the piece of timber shaped somewhat like a Jew's harp block. A SUBSCRIBER.

There are of course other ways of doing this. By conceiving it to be divided into infinitely thin slices parallel to the bases we may, by employing the integral calculus, compute the volume of the piece as a whole and get the same result.

PEOPLE IN CAROLINE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOWLING GREEN, VA., January 6.—Mr. L. E. Martin and wife and son have returned from West Virginia, where they have been on a two-weeks' visit to relatives.

Miss Maude Scott, of Richmond, who spent some time with Mrs. R. A. Coghill, has returned home.

Miss Rena Wright, after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. James E. Ennis, has returned to Norfolk.

Mrs. Charles I. Jessee and Miss Julia Collins, of New York, left this week for their home, after spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Collins.

Miss Emma Anderson has returned from Washington, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her brother, Mr. A. A. Anderson.

Miss Pearl Smoot, a pupil of the Woman's College, in Richmond, has returned to Richmond after a visit to her father, Mr. O. P. Smoot.

Mr. E. R. Coghill, clerk of the Circuit Court, is still confined to his room from sickness.

During the year 1905 there were 135 marriage licenses issued in Caroline, 69 of which were white and 76 to colored.

The Earl of Crawford is adding to his laurels by calling at the Islands of Tristan da Cunha in the capacity of mail carrier. One thousand miles west of Cape of Good Hope, isolated as they are, the barely one hundred inhabitants of this group of islands will appreciate the favor done them.

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